

**WAC 246-976-171 Recertification.**

(1) The department will publish procedures for renewal of certification, including:

- (a) An ongoing training and evaluation program (OTEP) of skills as authorized in RCW 18.73.081 (3)(b) for first responders and EMTs; and
- (b) Examinations for renewal of certification.

If you are a first responder or an EMT, you may choose to complete an approved OTEP program instead of completing the required number of CME hours and taking the recertification exam.

(2) To apply for renewal of certification, submit to the department on approved forms:

- (a) All the information identified in WAC 246-976-141(2); EXCEPT current certification is considered proof of course completion, age, and initial infectious disease training;
- (b) Proof of completion of CME and skills maintenance required for the level of certification sought, as defined in this chapter and identified on the table above. For first responders and EMTs, this includes proof of successful demonstration of skills, by:
  - (i) Successfully completing an approved OTEP; or
  - (ii) Passing an approved practical examination within the six months prior to application. An applicant changing from the ongoing training and evaluation program to the practical examination program must take the practical examination prior to the end of the certification period.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71, 18.73, and 70.168 RCW. 00-08-102, § 246-976-171, filed 4/5/00, effective 5/6/00.]